

the wrong, and the best way is to choose Jesus to rule over all our lives and gain our victories for us. For we may be sure he is able to subdue all things unto himself in this inner kingdom which we cannot govern at all.

There is nothing more beautiful under the sun than piety in childhood. Of Bible children, Samuel is a chief favorite. Our fathers and mothers dwell with great tenderness on his boyhood, because they find in him what they long to see in their own boys. Life is full of the calls of God. Children should be taught to expect to be called of God. None are too poor, too humble, too little gifted,—all are to be fellow-workers with God. How, then do our young people respond to God's call? Is not Samuel's answer, "Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth," in its simplicity, faith and submissiveness, a most beautiful and perfect type of what our answers should be? Can any response transcend this one?

We frequently hear young people say, "I'm not good enough to be a Christian." Is it not probable that they don't *want* to be good enough? So many are either careless or so much in love with worldly pleasures that they wait until the evil days have come. Oh! why not convert children before they are led away into the world. Did Jesus not promise to carry the lambs in his arms? He meant them to grow strong in holiness, and be "as plants grow up;" for what we are in youth we may be in manhood and womanhood. Jesus loves the young and calls them to come to him by faith, prayer and love. If we serve him in our youth we will serve him better in later years.

As young people we should use our talents in the right way; we should undertake great things for God and work with our might. Thanks be to God for the honor of serving the King! A brave word was that of the wounded Spartan who, having distinguished himself in battle was asked by his king, "What wilt thou? A wreath, a noble title, a lucrative province? What wilt thou?" And he answered, "Let me march, O King in the van of the army." There is no higher distinction than that. Let us push to the front, young soldiers of Christ, close to the royal banner, close to the person of our King.

Let us rejoice that our young people have been set to work along so many lines of usefulness. There was a time when the churches did not expect the young people to be very active in Christian labor. Indeed it was regarded as something of an impertinence for them to take part in a meeting. But now the whole religious world realizes how much valuable material was going to waste because of the inactivity of young men and young women. God hath certainly blessed the Young People's Movement, for it has grown so rapidly and has proved that the young may use their talents to the glory of God; and when this generation has risen to take place of the old,

"We, too, may be reapers  
And go forth in strength  
To work for our Lord in his harvest."

Altho the Christian Endeavorers are in quite a healthy state, yet are we doing our very best? God expects the very best of all we have, and all we can possibly do. Perhaps we need improvement in our methods of working, or maybe we may now enter new and broader fields of labor. We are apt to spend all our efforts in certain lines of work, and neglect others as equally important. Bible study should be prominent in our meetings. Literary meetings are a great aid but should not be held more than once a month.

And among other causes the two which should receive great interest and help from us, are the Temperance work and Missionary cause. We can find many ways to espouse the cause of temperance; for instance, we can be severe enemies of king alcohol by guarding ourselves and those around us from yielding to such temptations. We can study the word of God for arguments against the evil; we can pray for temperance organizations; we can bring our offerings to those whose lives are consecrated to the work and thus enable them to do more.

Much stress should be laid on missions. Our King's Children should be awakened to their responsibility. There is such a great lack of interest in this greatest cause in the world. The real trouble lies in the fact that many are without knowledge. Unless we know the importance of the last commission of our Savior, and also what the church has done and is doing and how many fields are yet unoccupied by missionaries, how can we pray fervently, or work with zest? We would learn much of all this by reading. Missionary Reading Circles should be organized thruout the brotherhood. I know of a K. C. Society that leaves all mission work to the pastor, who is certainly a good worker and succeeds in getting a worthy subscription paper for general missions, but would it not be nobler for the K. C. to make a special effort in behalf of missions? First knowledge, then zeal, and then prayers and offerings, would result from organizing a Circle.

We are to be children of the King not only in the sense of being "partakers of the inheritance of saints in light" but in following obediently wherever he leads. We must bear our banner inscribed, "Jesus shall reign," as long as there is sin and misery in the world. There will come a day when every man shall serve one Master, Christ, and own him King. A royal heritage is reserved for us, namely, a mansion in our heavenly Father's house and a crown of life. We may not be worthy, yet we can at least be faithful in the things he gave us to do, even unto the end. Jesus overcame the world and will help us also. May we be true, loving children and hasten his coming. God grant us grace that we may be warm and vigorous and full of activity in the service of such a glorious King.

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## The Christian Life

### He Leadeth Me

The Shepherd He  
Who leadeth me,  
No good I lack thro life's long day;  
With Him I bide,  
In Him confide,  
He leadeth me, I fear to stray.

He leadeth me,  
It may not be  
In pastures green I always dwell;  
But still I say,  
Tho rough the way,  
He leadeth me, and all is well.

He leadeth me  
O'er stormy sea,  
Sometimes I walk by waters still.  
He is my guide,  
Whate'er betide,  
He leadeth me—I fear no ill.

He leadeth me—  
I cannot see  
One step before, the way is hid.  
The future dim,  
I trust with Him,  
He leadeth me and I am glad.

—N. Y. Observer.

### PRAYER MEETING TOPICS

#### THE PARABLES.—"THE LOST SHEEP."

1. The parable. Matt. 18:11-14; Luke 15:3-7.

a. The shepherd—Jesus. John 10:11.  
b. The wandering sheep—the unsaved.  
1. This parable shows God's great love for us. John 3:16; Rom. 5:8.

c. Why was the figure of a shepherd and sheep so frequent and apt an illustration with the Jews? Ps. 23; John 10; Jer. 23; Ez. 34.

d. What called forth this parable? Luke 15:1-2.

#### II Teachings

a. No one is too bad for God to save. Matt. 9:13.

b. None is too vile for us to try to save. Matt. 10:24. 1. Do any of us act like pharisees?

c. We ought to love sinners or straying Christians, even as God does. Matt. 5:44; I John 3:11.

d. We ought to rejoice when an evil person comes to Christ rather than wonder whether they will hold out. Luke 15:10.

e. Let us not forget that God loves every sinner, while He hates the sin. 1. Let us be like God, i. e. *godly*. Tit. 2:12.

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### NOT A SINNER

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Earnest Inquirer of three weeks ago, speaks for hosts of very nice earnest people, both in the churches and outside of them, when he says, "I never felt like calling myself a poor, miserable sinner." And the editor applies the gentle lotion that is abundant in sanctums and studies. It soothes but never cures. It makes one look well enough to himself, but never enables him to feel safe about his spiritual health.

There are some hopeful conditions. He